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Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (Currently amended). A saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material comprising a mixture dispersed therein of at least one fluoropolymer floc; and at least one wettable structural organic floc; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.
- 2 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material according to claim 1, further comprising a binder wherein the binder is up to about 30% by weight of the saturable nonwoven material.
- 3 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 1, wherein the fluoropolymer floc is at least about 30% by weight of the mixture.
- 4 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 1, wherein the fluoropolymer floc comprises at least one perfluoronated polymer.
- 5 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 2, wherein the binder comprises at least one fibrous material.
- 6 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 2, wherein the binder comprises at least one aramid fibrid.
- 7 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 2, wherein the binder comprises a mixture of at least one aramid fibrid and a resin.

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8 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): A prepreg comprising the saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 1 and a matrix resin.

9 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): A self-lubricating bearing comprising the saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 1.

10 (Currently Amended). A saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material comprising a mixture dispersed therein of about 40% to about 60% by weight of a fluoropolymer floc; and about 10% to about 40% by weight of a wettable structural organic floc; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

11 (Currently amended). The saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material according to claim 10, further comprising about 10% to about 20% by weight of a binder.

12 (Currently Amended). A saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material comprising a mixture dispersed therein of about 40% to about 60% by weight of a fluoropolymer floc; and about 60% to about 40% by weight of a meta-aramid floc; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

13 (Currently amended): A saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material comprising a mixture dispersed therein of about 45% by weight of a fluoropolymer floc; about 36% by weight of a meta-aramid floc; about 10% by weight of a meta-aramid fibrid; and about 9% of a resin; and wherein the material has a basis weight of about 17 g/m² to about 810 g/m² and a thickness of about 0.02 mm to about 8.2 mm.

14 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): A process for making the saturable, resin impregnatable, nonwoven material of claim 1 comprising the steps of:

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a.) delivering an aqueous dispersion of a mixture comprising wettable structural organic floc, fluoropolymer floc and optionally a binder onto a screen of a papermaking device;

- b.) withdrawing water from the aqueous dispersion to leave a wet paper felt; and
 - c.) drying the wet paper felt.

15 (Withdrawn): The process according to claim 14, further comprising calendering the dried nonwoven material for further densification of the material.